

including the U.S.S. MISSOURI, be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register. This was approved by the Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton on 12 January 1995 and the ships await their final destiny. (2 September 1995)

### SALUTE TO ST. LOUIS EARTH ANGELS

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 1995

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, too often we hear about young people who are involved with drugs or engaged in other criminal activities. Newspaper and television reports about troubled youths and gang violence in cities across the Nation are almost routine stories which can overshadow the achievements of the majority of responsible, hard-working young people. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a very special group of young St. Louisians, the Earth Angels. These outstanding young innercity residents are committed to protecting the environment and advancing social justice. They are making many positive contributions to our community and deserve recognition.

Earth Angels operates under the auspices of the Guardian Angel Settlement Association of St. Louis and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Originally known as Dolphin Defenders the Earth Angels organization now comprises three environmental clubs with 100 members. The children are dedicated to preserving the natural environment and improving the quality of life for all living things. The Earth Angels have vision and imagination. They look beyond their own personal struggles in life and focus their energies on preserving and nurturing life for other. To this end the Earth Angels have undertaken a number of environmental enhancement projects throughout the St. Louis community. In scores of little ways they are making a big difference.

The Earth Angels have adopted two lakes which the children maintain in St. Louis' Forest Park and at the Busch Wildlife Reserve. They also conduct regular neighborhood cleanup projects. They have studied how ground pollution impacts water systems and the environment and they are working to help end this pollution problem.

Earth Angels children have established a grow lab where they are growing trees from acorns in hopes of establishing a young pin oak grove. They are also engaged in massive recycling efforts. The Earth Angels have: recycled over 350,000 aluminum cans in 6 years, reclaimed and recycled over 49,000 pounds of glass in 2½ years, reclaimed 1,522 abandoned tires in 2 years, recycled over 200 pounds of scrap lead and 500 pounds of cast iron and countless plastic containers. The Earth Angels are now working to establish a battery recycling program.

At the Delmar Metro Link Station the Earth Angels have established a model prairie garden of native Missouri prairie plants. They plan to add a brick walk—using reclaimed bricks—and a small wetland area at the bottom of the garden. This garden is not just an aesthetic enhancement at the light rail station but a place where children are taught more about ecosystems, food chains, and biodiversity.

The Earth Angels have also shown a very special awareness and compassion for young people who are the victims of violence. They have established a Forest of Life project which plants one tree, in a special area of Forest Park, for each child killed by violence in the city of St. Louis.

Earth Angels children are studying science and nature in order to promote life. In their many undertakings, these children are improving both their own life skills and the quality of life around them. The Earth Angels inspire others with their passion for learning and willingness to help solve community problems. These young people are our hope for the future. I congratulate each member of the Earth Angels and wish them every continued success in all their future endeavors.

### HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN VIKENTIOS HONORED FOR SERVICE TO GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to your attention a terrific community leader from my district in Astoria, Queens.

His Eminence Metropolitan Vikentios was born in Athens, Greece where he received his basic education. After graduation from high school, he enrolled at the Theological School of Jerusalem in Israel and graduated with honors. His educational life then brought him to the United States for further studies. During the past 20 years, he has served in the Greek Orthodox Metropolis, Archdiocese, of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America.

His Eminence has often been recognized for his outstanding contributions to the community, his efforts on behalf of human rights, and his humanitarian services. All this good work has not gone unrewarded. On July 20, 1995, he was elected Metropolitan of Piraeus and Salamis by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Church of the Orthodox Christians of Greece and the Diaspora.

On July 21, 1995, in the presence of the President and Prime Minister of Greece, he was enthroned in his new position. Astoria misses him very much, but we know he will continue to fight for the citizens of the world and that we truly have a friend in Piraeus. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering him our highest congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful life.

### TRADE ACT

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 1995

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce, with my good friend and colleague Mr. CANADY of Florida, timely legislation to provide trade relief to producers of perishable agricultural products who have been substantially harmed by an increase in imports after the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement [NAFTA].

The Trade Act of 1974 authorizes the President to assist a domestic industry by imposing duties or modifying concessions if it has been determined that an increase in imports has been a substantial cause of or threatens serious injury to the domestic industry. However, domestic industry is currently defined narrowly by the trade act so as not to include the seasonal industries. Consequently, producers of perishable agricultural products who produce their product during a particular growing season are grouped together with all growers of this product during the full calendar year, and therefore these seasonal producers are unable to show the requisite injury needed for an anti-dumping action.

This bill corrects this inequity by expanding the definition of domestic industry to account for the seasonal nature of agricultural products. Specifically, a domestic producer would include a producer that sells all or almost all of the production during the growing season. In addition, during that growing season, demand for the article must not be supplied, to any substantial degree, by other domestic producers. This definition is tailored to provide relief to the seasonal domestic agricultural industry, such as winter tomato producers, who sustained significant injury when they were faced with a significant increase in imports in 1994.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

### A TRIBUTE TO PETER G. VELASCO

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 1995

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today with a great deal of sadness to honor the memory of Peter G. Velasco.

A true labor pioneer, Pete Velasco was among the Filipino-American farmworker leaders whose tenacity inspired Cesar Chavez in the first grape strike in Delano, CA, and provided a strong foundation for what later became the United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO.

Even before his many years of work as an officer in the farmworker movement, brother Pete Velasco was an early and enduring example of the multifaceted contributions of the Filipino-American community to our society. Working first in the Los Angeles food service industry, he went on to distinguished service in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II before returning to the Central Valley of California as a farmworker.

Not content merely to try to eke out a living in the fields, Pete Velasco helped to organize his fellow workers, forging the first link between farmworkers and the AFL-CIO, which later proved essential to Cesar Chavez' work as president of the new, united organization.

Today we can see a resurgence in the AFL-CIO that has at its roots the contribution of many men and women—among them "Brother Pete"—over many years. May that resurgence provide a way that we can all celebrate the life of Peter G. Velasco and the movement he helped to build.